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SINGAPORE FOR A.J. WILLIAMS OF EMBASSY MANILA

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SUBJECT: BILATERAL MTN TALKS WITH GOP IN MANILA, APRIL 26

AND 27

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- 1. AMBASSADOR PABLO SUAREZ, DFA, TELEPHONED ECONOMIC COUNSELOR THIS AFTERNOON TO ASK WHETHER ANY HITCH HAS ARISEN IN OUR AGREED PLAN FOR APRIL 26-27 BILATERALS IN MANILA. EVIDENTLY, RP AMBASSADOR WILFREDO VEGA, PRESENTLY IN SINGAPORE, HAS CONVEYED TO SUAREZ INFORMATION SUGGESTING THAT SOMETHING HAS BECOME UNSTUCK AT WASHINGTON END OF THIS AXIS. VEGA, OF COURSE, PLANS TO PARTICIPATE IN BILATERAL TALKS WITH US IN MANILA.
- 2. EMBOFF TOLD SUAREZ WE KNEW OF NO SUCH HITCH, AS OF NOW EXPECTED APPROPRIATE INDIVIDUALS FROM USMTN DEL PRESENTLY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IN SINGAPORE TO BE IN MANILA APRIL 26 AND 27 FOR PLANNED BILATERAL TALKS. CAN EMBASSY SINGAPORE (WILLIAMS) PLEASE CONFIRM THIS, AS WELL AS PROVIDING US WITH ETA MANILA OF USMTN DEL?

3. SUAREZ SAID GOP IS INEEED ANXIOUS TO HAVE THESE TALKS WITH US, AS GOP REPS BELIEVE TALKS IN MANILA CAN

BE QUITE FRUITFUL AT THIS TIME. SUAREZ ALSO INDICATED THAT GOP PANEL PLANNING TO MEET WITH US SIDE AFTERNOON OF APRIL 26 IF USMTN DEL ARRIVES MANILA THAT MORNING OR ALTERNATIVELY TO KICK OFF TALKS MORNING OF APRIL 26 IF US DEL ARRIVES MANILA APRIL 26. VENUE OF MEETING WILL BE BOARDROOM OF OLD NEDA BUILDING ON PADRE FAURA STREET NEAR DFA.

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